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All praise is due to Allāh. We praise Him, seek His help, and ask for His forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allāh from the evil of our own souls and from the evil of our deeds. Whoever Allāh guides, none can lead astray, and whoever He leads astray, none can guide.

I bear witness that there is no Allāh but Allāh alone, without any partners, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and messenger.

O you who have believed, fear Allāh as He should be feared and do not die except as Muslims. [Surah Ali 'Imran: 102]

O mankind, fear your Lord, who created you from one soul and created from it its mate and dispersed from both of them many men and women. And fear Allāh, through whom you ask one another, and the wombs. Indeed Allāh is ever, over you, an Observer. [Surah An-Nisa: 1]

Now then;

Indeed, the best speech is the speech of Allāh, and the best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad, son of Abdullah, may Allāh bless him and grant him peace, and the worst of matters are those that are newly invented, and every newly invented matter is an innovation, and every innovation is misguidance, and every misguidance is in Hellfire.

Allāh is the greatest, Allāh is the greatest, Allāh is the greatest. There is no Allāh but Allāh. Allāh is the greatest, Allāh is the greatest, Allāh is the greatest, and all praise is due to Allāh. Allāh is the greatest, and all praise is due to Allāh, and glory be to Allāh morning and evening.

Allāh, the Exalted said: **“And that you may complete the prescribed period and glorify Allāh for having guided you, and perhaps you will be grateful.”**

First, we thank Allāh, the Exalted for enabling us to complete the blessed month of Ramadan in peace. Everyone who performed the obligation of fasting during this month feels joy on Eid al-Fitr, and he will also rejoice in his fasting on the Day of Resurrection when he meets Allāh, the Exalted, Allāh willing.

The fasting person has two joys: when he breaks his fast, he rejoices in breaking his fast, and when he meets his Lord, he rejoices in his fasting.

On this occasion, we extend our highest greetings and sincerest congratulations on the occasion of Eid al-Fitr 1447 AH to all Muslims everywhere, and especially to the mujahideen who continue to wage jihad on various battlefronts around the world.

Peace, mercy and blessings of Allāh be upon you, and may Allāh accept our good deeds and yours.

We ask Allāh, the Exalted to accept our fasting, our prayers, our recitation of the Quran, our striving in His cause, and all the acts of worship we performed during the month of Ramadan that we have just bid farewell to, and to make us among those who are saved from Hellfire, those whose deeds are accepted and with whom He is pleased, and those who attain Allāh's mercy, forgiveness, and Paradise.

Allāh, the Exalted said: **“Those who repent, those who worship, those who praise, those who travel, those who bow down, those who prostrate, those who enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong, and those who observe the limits set by Allāh. And give good tidings to the believers.” [At-Tawbah: 112]**

We ask Allāh, the Exalted to let us reach the coming holidays while we are in victory, glory and complete empowerment. He is the Guardian of that and is capable of it.

On this day, Muslims should demonstrate religious observances, practice social solidarity, and help the weak and needy, especially during this hot time, when people are suffering from the effects of drought that have affected both humans and animals.

Allāh, the Exalted said: **“And they give food, in spite of their love for it, to the needy, the orphan, and the captive.” [Al-Insan: 8]**

This Eid comes at a time when the world is engulfed in numerous conflicts, and you are well aware of what is happening in the Middle East, which has exposed the fragility of the crusading American government, the weakness of NATO, and the humiliation of the Gulf states' leaders, who specialize in fighting mujahideen and assassinating scholars, and who have drunk deeply of the blood of innocents. Today, these leaders face divine retribution, for the deception by which America attempted to mislead these rulers has been exposed. Will they learn their lesson? This conflict has revealed America's fragility, weakness, and duplicity.

It is well known that America has never entered a war alone, but rather has always formed alliances. When it failed in its wars, it later recovered. America has long been a symbol of defeats and setbacks. It was defeated in the Vietnam War, withdrew in disgrace from Afghanistan, and saw the bodies of its soldiers dragged through the streets of Mogadishu. Today, we see it fleeing some of the bases it once used to intimidate the weak-willed, after its impotence and failure to impose its will by force have been exposed.

On the other hand, this holiday comes at a time when the crusading American government is directly targeting the Somali people, both those residing in America and those in Somalia, completely disregarding their rights. The deadline set for them has passed. Today, they face a state of apprehension and fear, which is to be expected, as this is an Kafir government notorious for its injustice and corruption. What is astonishing is that the leaders of the apostasy have sided with the American government in its oppression of the Somali people, declaring in public squares—shamelessly—that America is their ally, while at the same time remaining silent about the killing of a portion of our people and labeling the rest as terrorists.

Their ignorance and stupidity led them to befriend someone who slanders our noble people and distorts their image in every forum and arena, describing them as "garbage and refuse," and no one raised their voice against him or reprimanded him appropriately. What's even more astonishing is that they continue to publicly insult the apostate government in public squares, declaring to everyone that there is no government in Somalia, and that there never will be.

On the other hand, our country, Somalia, has entered a more dangerous security and political situation than ever before, even though the country was from the beginning under the domination of the Kafir global powers, whose goals were clear:

- To remove Somali society from its religion and obliterate its identity.
- They plundered the country's wealth and exploited its resources.
- And he prevented the people from adhering to and implementing Allāh's law.

The truth is that the Somali people have become aware that during the past decades, the apostate administrations in Mogadishu, Hargeisa, Bosaso, Kismayo, Baidoa and Dhusamareb have been successively tossing each other towards the Ethiopian government, each one asking the Ethiopians to protect and defend its position against the other administrations. In return, they provided the Ethiopians with protection and support against the mujahideen of the nation, so that they could continue to control the Somali lands that they had occupied by force, and plunder the property and wealth of the Muslims. This was the role of the apostates in this conflict: to provide everything that would allow the violation of Somalia's sovereignty by its enemies.

Today, corruption has reached its peak, as the puppet leaders have become lost in the conflict between global powers, which have intensified the looting and seizure of the Somali people's property and wealth.

As 2024 dawned and the geopolitical conflict in the region escalated, every government vying for the country's resources turned its attention to Somalia. During this period, the treachery and depravity of the apostate leaders who controlled these illegitimate administrations became glaringly apparent. The extent of their limited ambition, confined solely to the positions they held, was exposed. They were prepared, in exchange for securing their posts and seats, to abandon everything they possessed: their religion, their homeland, their people, their resources, and the very honor of the entire nation.

For nearly thirty years, the apostate Somaliland administration has been struggling for recognition, a situation that has caused considerable unrest among the Muslim community in the north. The region has been ruled by a succession of corrupt and unscrupulous officials, each leaving behind a dark legacy for the Muslim community, who must bear the consequences of their actions. May Allāh punish them as they deserve.

The most recent example of the depths to which the apostate leadership has sunk is what happened in Hargeisa, where they hosted the Jews, whom Allāh, the Exalted has cursed, and considered them a legitimate authority with a presence in the land of Palestine. The successive administrations of the region, characterized by their cowardice and weakness, have taken steps that confirm their deviation and corruption, which is now clearly evident in the public sphere.

The Northwest region is home to a diverse community of scholars, wise men, experienced individuals, teachers, and memorizers of the Holy Quran. Was it not your duty to protect the faith, safeguard the land, and preserve the honor of the Muslim community in the North? Were you not the people of Sheikh Mukhtar Abu Zubair?

What a disgrace that the sons of this community, known for their morals and virtues, are imprisoned simply for speaking the truth, while the apostate Irro, a Jew, is welcomed with open arms those whom Allāh described in His Book for their wickedness, malice, and intense enmity toward the believers. You must understand that the peace you have enjoyed for so long will not last, for you have given refuge to the worst of people in their disregard for covenants and agreements.

This region will remain the second Palestine in East Africa unless people emerge to stand up to what will happen in northern Somalia.

Allāh has afflicted the nation with many despicable people who are easily swayed by any form of depravity. The public actions of the current administration in Hargeisa should not deceive the people; what they have revealed so far is far less than what they conceal, and the time has not yet come to expose it.

We assure Muslims that the region contains integrated military bases, linked by a coordinated effort between the United States, Israel, and the UAE, while the remaining bases are currently being expanded. People will regret it when the time comes that neither regret nor lamenting the past will avail them.

What the diverse community of people who still possess humanity must do is stand up to the apostate, Ero. Today is the time to do so before things turn out as they did with Yasser Arafat, before it's too late and what's lost is lost forever.

This is your country, and you know peace and war. The scholars of today have a greater duty than simply delivering a speech in mosques, and the elders are required to provide meticulous organization that goes beyond mere talk in gatherings. As for the youth who are rising up now, they bear the responsibility of choosing between a weakness that will never end, or a dignity and honor for which blood will be shed to ensure its permanence, for they will bequeath it to future generations, Allāh willing.

On the other hand, you saw the leadership of the apostate gang in Mogadishu, especially "Hassan Gurguurte", who offered himself to Trump and Netanyahu, and told them that he possessed mineral resources and wealth, and that he was ready to provide them to them for free, in exchange for being given the role of mediator in attracting Jews to Berbera and seizing the country's wealth.

While the countries of the region are looking for plans and strategies to take advantage of the ongoing conflict in the region, and ways to protect themselves from the surrounding dangers, we find that the treacherous leaders of the Somalis have gathered their passion around the saying: "Tell me what you want me to sign for you? And appoint me president."

The recognition of the Jews by Irro, the decision that granted the Jews the port of Berbera, the understanding between Abiy Ahmed and Musa Bihi regarding granting them the port of Zeila, the contracts that allowed Turkey to exploit the sea, land and air resources in Somalia, and other agreements that pose a danger to our country, all represent for the Somali nation a living example that reveals the true face of the leaders of the treacherous administrations, and highlights the extent of their ambitions and wishes, and the future that they seek to impose on the country and the people.

While the country suffers today from widespread inflation and economic decline, resulting from the societal siege imposed by the sham debt relief scheme, blatant looting, and the auctioning off of public assets by Hassan Gerges and his cronies, the four major ports, which form the backbone of the country's economy, have become hostages in the hands of greedy foreign powers. The ports of Mogadishu, Hargeisa, Bosaso, and Kismayo are now under the control of these countries, some even hosting military bases belonging to those governments, clearly demonstrating that the country's economy has been forcibly seized.

Therefore, we call upon our Somali Muslim nation to awaken from its slumber and to realize the danger that threatens it if it does not confront the plans and conspiracies of the kafir invaders.

Fifteen years ago, the mujahideen warned of Turkey's hidden plots against our nation when the country entered under the pretext of providing aid to those affected by the 2011 famine, a pretext many misunderstood at the time. While it appeared then to be at the forefront of charitable work, today it is determining the fate of the gang of apostates and traitors. Yesterday, it was requesting military protection; today, it is managing the forces of treason and controlling the details of the army's administration and operations.

The square witnessed young men sacrificing themselves for Turkey's interests. Yesterday, Turkey praised them, but today it is Turkey that has crippled the country's economy and forcibly seized economic infrastructure in the country's capitals. Yesterday, it sent food and medicine under the guise of relief, but today, over the past months, it has been smuggling various weapons into the country without any regard for the ongoing famine, preoccupied with consolidating its influence and power bases. It has reassigned all the officers it trained within the army's battalions, after instilling in them the values of the secular Turkish state.

They want to replicate in Somalia the same tactics they employed in Libya and elsewhere, deploying Turkish-backed mercenaries and establishing bases in the Lower and Middle Shabelle regions to protect their plundering of the country's resources. These two regions have witnessed battles over the past four years that foreshadowed the current situation.

At the same time, they have abandoned our brothers in Gaza, and the materials sent to Somalia – even if they carried any humanitarian spirit – could have been used to provide aid to the afflicted people of Palestine.

Sisi was part of the conspiracy, and he has failed to bring any good to his nation. As for the treacherous leaders who rule over Muslim peoples, they are strong against the weak among them, plundering the poor who suffer under their oppression.

Those who must first awaken and alert others are the scholars, intellectuals, merchants, and cultural leaders. Community leaders must not stand idly by while the country is driven toward the abyss. It is the duty of every individual to play their part and for everyone to participate in defending the faith, the homeland, the people, and the nation's resources. InshaAllāh, the ambitions of the Crusaders and secularists will not be realized, and the mujahideen will confront them with unwavering resolve, by Allāh's permission.

Allāh, the Exalted said: **"Fight in the cause of Allāh. You are not held responsible except for yourself. And encourage the believers. Perhaps Allāh will restrain the might of those who disbelieve. And Allāh is stronger in might and more severe in punishment."** [Al Imran: 104]

Thanks be to Allāh, we now have a solid foundation from which our mujahideen can launch their efforts to achieve victory and the desired progress for the Muslim nation. You possess Islamic states based on:

- Spreading monotheism and deepening faith.
- Enjoining good and forbidding evil,
- Developing the basic infrastructure for life and raising people's standard of living.

You also have an army of mujahideen always ready to:

- Defending religion, the dignity of the nation, and its resources.
- To counter all the conspiracies and plots hatched against us,
- And to reclaim every inch of the land that was usurped by the kuffar.

AUSSOM operation failed

The true jihad that we waged against the usurping occupier and its followers is the jihad that, thanks to Allāh, the Exalted, has today brought defeat and despair to the ranks of the Crusader invaders, who spent about twenty years trying to subjugate the Somali people and impose a democratic administration based on the principles of Western disbelief.

This alliance, whose main objective was to tear apart the Somali people, kill their future generations, and force them to abandon their religion in order to convert them to Christianity, as planned by its 81-year-old leader, Yoweri Museveni, and which includes Western countries, Gulf governments, and Africa, has today become a witness to failure, after it drained time, blood, and economic resources in Somalia, and was unable to achieve any of its objectives.

For twenty years:

- They were unable to build a strong democratic state to replace the Sharia-based administrations they attacked.
- They were unable to create an apostate army that could take responsibility for the territories they had occupied.
- They were unable to destroy the power of the Mujahideen, or to thwart the ongoing Jihad in the country.

The AUSSOM alliance is mired in unprecedented economic failure and ruin. It has been unable to deploy the troops trained abroad to replace the forces on the ground upon which the occupation depends.

We are a people who defend our religion, our land, and our nation. We are not hasty or impatient, and we have not grown weary in our fight. You will lose every drop of blood and every financial resource you expend, by the will of Allāh, the Exalted.

You have realized, and will continue to realize, that you will achieve no success in targeting the leadership of the Mujahideen and their army, in harming the Muslim people, or in seizing their lands. We will face all these dangers with patience, faith, and certainty.

Say, "Nothing will befall us except what Allāh has decreed for us; He is our Protector. And upon Allāh let the believers rely." (51) Say, "Do you await for us anything but one of the two best things? And we await for you that Allāh will afflict you with punishment from Himself or at our hands. So wait; indeed, we are waiting with you." [At-Tawbah: 51, 52]

We say to the mujahideen: The time has come to exact retribution from the Crusaders and to exact retribution for the harm they have inflicted upon our people. You must remember the great battles you fought, which crippled the enemy and which history has recorded in letters of blood.

Allāh, the Exalted said: "There has already been for you a sign in the two armies which met - one fighting in the cause of Allāh and the other of disbelievers. They saw them to be twice their number by the sight of the eye. And Allāh supports with His victory whom He wills. Indeed in that is a lesson for those of vision." [Al Imran: 13]

The state of apostasy and regional administrations

The reality we have described regarding the alliance of African states is not much different from the situation of the apostate government based in Mogadishu. This is a government that has spent twenty years under the protection of thousands of foreign soldiers from Africa and billions of dollars from Europe, America, and the Gulf states.

The aim of draining the blood of Africans and the wealth of the West flowing into Somalia was to establish an administration in the country that would operate according to their Kafir principles, replacing the administrations of the Islamic states that they sought to destroy. But Allāh, the Exalted did not allow them to do so.

Achieving that goal has become impossible, and they are now in a state of greater despair than during their previous attempts to realize those ambitions. The alliance of African disbelievers and their Western allies have collectively surrendered to the country's political system, failing to establish a strong, unified state for the apostates, with its politics and army controlled by a single hand. They have also been unable to address the internal conflicts that have plagued the greedy ruling leaders, whose intellectual vision grows weaker with each passing year.

Allāh, the Exalted said: **"Indeed, those who disbelieve spend their wealth to avert [people] from the way of Allāh. So they will spend it; then it will be for them a regret; then they will be overcome. And those who disbelieve will be gathered to Hell." [Al-Anfal: 36]**

Today, the government in Mogadishu is not a centralized administration where power and authority are concentrated in one place, enabling it to implement decisions and orders issued from Villa Somalia. Nor is it a federal government where power and authority are shared with regional administrations.

This is why the United States, when it became confused by its disagreements, began to deal with each administration separately, with each of the administrations of Mogadishu, Hargeisa, Bosaso and Kismayo having its own special treatment.

Turkey, the UAE, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia each stand by the administration that serves their interests, and thus each of these apostate governments has deviated from loyalty to the homeland, and the invaders have seized parts of Somali territory, which have become subject to their interests at the expense of the Muslim community.

Today, the administrations and major leadership of the apostates residing in Mogadishu and the aforementioned cities have collapsed, both politically and militarily. The army, built over more than twenty years and into which billions of dollars were poured, has become nothing more than a collection of tribal militias used by each leader against the administration that opposes him. The evidence for this lies in what has happened in Mogadishu, Baidoa, Beled Hawo, Kamboni, Las Anod, and Bari. They have manifested the characteristics with which Allāh, the Exalted described the Jews in His Book.

Allāh, the Exalted said: **“And We cast among them enmity and hatred until the Day of Resurrection. Every time they kindle the fire of war, Allāh extinguishes it. And they strive throughout the land [causing] corruption, and Allāh does not like corrupters.” [Al-Ma’idah: 64]**

In order to divert attention from the criticisms coming from global disbelief, which destroyed their economy and weakened the structure of the apostate government, and from the threats related to cutting off the funding they were receiving, the apostates embarked on a plan to deceive Western countries into believing that they had achieved part of the desired goals, and that the country was on the verge of holding popular elections.

This land is Islamic, and it will only be governed by Islamic law. No symbols or rituals of disbelief will be imposed upon it. Therefore, we warn the Somali people against being deceived by these so-called elections, for the vote you cast will have consequences that affect your religion, your life, and your property.

You are choosing between Islam and disbelief, between giving an opportunity to the oppressors who will destroy the country and exploit the weak. These elections aim to impose a system that contradicts the law of the Most Merciful. Consider what befell the nations that were warned against being deceived by elections and democracy; it did not benefit them in this world, and Allāh, the Exalted will hold them accountable for their actions in the Hereafter.

The Mujahideen and the State of War

I send my sincerest greetings and appreciation to the mujahideen who fight in the cause of Allāh, the Exalted, and to the sincere guardians who raise the banner of defending their religion, their land and their people, and through whom Allāh, the Exalted has thwarted many of the plots hatched by the enemy against this country and its people during the past twenty years.

Brothers, Allāh, the Exalted has chosen you today for one of the most hopeful acts of worship that draws a servant closer to Him, which is jihad in the cause of Allāh. Allāh, the Exalted has said:

O you who have believed, fear Allāh and seek the means of approach to Him and strive in His cause that you may succeed. [Al-Ma’idah: 35]

The struggle you are waging today against the disbelieving occupier is what has made the Islamic states today:

- A land independent of democratic rule, governed by Islamic law without fear or dread of anyone who threatens, lies in wait for, or bestows favors upon it.
- It is your jihad that has made the Islamic states impregnable regions against foreign intervention, and the looting and plundering that has affected the country's resources.
- He is the one who made it a refuge for all those who fled from the injustice, corruption, and chaos that swept through the country.
- He is the one who made it a place to welcome virtuous women who were persecuted in the lands of the kuffar, and who seek to preserve their veils, modesty, and religion.
- He is the one who made it a land where everyone who has ever dreamed of living under the rule of Allāh, the Exalted's law can live, and find the freedom and security that they did not find in the land of their birth or upbringing.

Brothers, you have been patient and endured severe trials and tribulations, but the true victory we seek is not the conquest of a city or the destruction of an enemy camp. Rather, the true victory is for you to hold fast to your religion, remain steadfast in it, and continue the struggle without interruption.

Allāh, the Exalted said: **"Whether We take you away, We will surely exact retribution from them. (41) Or We will show you that which We have promised them, for We are fully capable of doing so. (42) So hold fast to that which has been revealed to you. Indeed, you are on a straight path. (43) And indeed, it is a reminder for you and your people, and you will be questioned." (44) [Az-Zukhruf: 41-44]**

Today, our duty is heavier and more demanding than ever before. Know that you are no longer fighting the remnants of apostate militias, but rather facing a people who carry the banners of crusaders and secularism. They are sons who are Somali in name only, but they have sworn to protect the interests of global crusaders, Africans, and secularists.

The situation has reached the point where they are distinguished by a banner that combines their Somali identity with the flag of the country they actually serve, such as America, Turkey, the UAE, and others. This reveals the true nature of what that soldier carries and the purpose for which he fights.

Know that these victories were not achieved through supplication, dialogue, or concessions, and will only be achieved by repelling this secular crusader alliance. Therefore, intensify your operations, show the enemy of Allāh that you will not tire of fighting, stand firm in your land and homes, and unite your forces in targeting the invaders who carry the banner of this secular crusader aggression.

Know that the battle is still in its early stages, and that your enemy will not stop plotting and scheming, changing his methods and perfecting them time after time.

The Messenger of Allāh, may Allāh bless him and grant him peace, said: **"They lied. Now the fighting has come. There will always be a group from my nation who will fight in the cause of Allāh. Those who oppose them will not harm them. Allāh will cause the hearts of a people to deviate. He will provide for them from among them. They will fight until the Hour comes. And the war will not lay down its burdens until Gog and Magog come out."**

I must commend our soldiers for their patience, steadfastness, love for jihad, and yearning for martyrdom. They prefer sacrificing themselves for the sake of upholding Allāh's word to remaining in this world. May Allāh reward you.

Know that you are the knights of this era, you are the heroes of the law of the Most Merciful, you are the soldiers of Allāh with whom He punishes His enemies, you are the refuge of the oppressed Muslims, and an example for everyone who wants to take the path of confronting the disbelievers, and you are the solace of the weak.

Fear Allāh, avoid sins, increase your fear of Him, persevere in reciting the Qur'an, maintain your remembrance of Allāh, renew your faith, hold fast to your brotherhood and observe its rights, treat well those among whom you live, for they are your fathers and brothers, and avoid pride and arrogance.

The proud tribes

I extend my sincere thanks to all the tribes that contributed to repelling the enemy that invaded the Islamic states, and we ask Allāh, the Exalted to bless you in your homes and families, for what you have offered in the cause of Allāh's religion you will find its reward with Allāh, the Exalted complete and without reduction.

The tribes residing in Islamic states should thank Allāh for the great blessings bestowed upon them, including fewer tribal conflicts, increased livestock, consistent rainfall, and abundant resources. All of this is due to the divine law of Allāh, the Exalted. Look and compare yourselves to other regions governed by democracy; you will find that you receive more rain, enjoy greater security, and are more upright.

When we became oblivious to these blessings, and forgot them, and some of us shed each other's blood recently, Allāh showed us a small part of His trial, and we witnessed the effects of that in the intense heat and lack of rain in recent seasons.

Let us return to Allāh, the Exalted, let us be brothers and support one another, let us fulfill the rights of neighborliness, and let us be a help and support to our mujahideen sons who stay up day and night defending you, so that we may be a support and a shield for them.

I ask Allāh to grant us beneficial and blessed rain, to bless our livelihoods, and to enable us to be grateful for the blessing of security that we enjoy.

Know that the good you are doing for Islam today will not be lost, and those who sacrificed themselves and their money to support the mujahideen will not be equal to those who failed to act and abandoned the cause.

I would like to express my gratitude to the political administrations that always strive to quell your conflicts and promote coexistence among you.

And I say to the tribes, their leaders, and their chieftains: Beware of the enemy's attempts to drag the nation back into the abyss of internal conflicts that have caused it to lose both this world and the hereafter. Keep your eyes vigilant, strive to extinguish every spark of discord before it escalates, and restrain the foolish individuals whom the enemy exploits to carry out its malicious schemes.

You are capable of living in brotherhood and affection, and that is something you will not achieve if you are drawn into conflicts.

Brothers, even if they disagree, cooperate and support one another. But if they quarrel, they weaken themselves and increase their misfortunes.

I would like to emphasize to all administrations and tribes the necessity of self-sufficiency, self-reliance, and the care of your lands and livestock, as well as confronting the inflationary storms that have swept the world. Engaging in agriculture and protecting the resources of your land is sufficient for you, for the land that Allāh has bestowed upon us through His mercy is enough. What is happening in the world today, with attempts to incite strife through trickery and deceit, is merely for the sake of worldly gain, while our land provides us with abundant bounty, and it is sufficient for us, praise be to Allāh.

I take this opportunity to extend my greetings and appreciation to the administrations of the Islamic states and their various offices for their efforts in serving their communities. I especially commend the Drought Relief Committee and the extensive assistance they provided to those affected by the famine.

I also thank all members of the community residing in the Islamic states for their participation in the drought relief efforts, whether they are scholars, dignitaries, mujahideen, intellectuals, merchants, women, or any other segment of society. We ask Allāh to reward you abundantly for your efforts and to replace what you have spent with something better.

Allāh, the Exalted said: "And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and transgression."

On the authority of Salim, on the authority of his father, that the Messenger of Allāh, may Allāh bless him and grant him peace, said: "A Muslim is the brother of another Muslim. He does not wrong him, nor does he abandon him. Whoever helps his brother in his time of need, Allāh will help him in his time of need. Whoever relieves a Muslim of a hardship, Allāh will relieve him of a hardship on the Day of Resurrection. And whoever conceals the faults of a Muslim, Allāh will conceal his faults on the Day of Resurrection."

I urge the administrations of Islamic states, religious scholars, and all those who bear responsibility towards Muslims to strive to establish justice and fairness, to assist the poor and needy, and to support the vulnerable and oppressed. Let them fear Allāh in their dealings with those under their care, and let them know that Allāh, the Exalted will hold them accountable on the Day of Judgment.

Allāh, the Exalted said: "Indeed, Allāh commands you to render trusts to their rightful owners, and when you judge between people, judge with justice. Excellent is that which Allāh instructs you. Indeed, Allāh is ever Hearing and Seeing."

O Allāh, grant this nation a righteous path in which those who obey You are honored and those who disobey You are humbled, and in which good is commanded and evil is forbidden. Our final supplication is that all praise belongs to Allāh, Lord of the Worlds. May Allāh's peace and blessings be upon Muhammad, his family, and his companions.

Greetings from your brothers from the al-Firdous Foundation - Translation Department

Eid al-Fitr, 1447.